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SUBJ: INVITATION TO PRC TO ATTEND AERONAUTICS AND
ASTRONAUTICS MEETING IN WASHINGTON

1. USLO RECEIVED PHONE CALL DECEMBER 21 FROM THOMAS HARFORD OF AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS (AIAA) CONCERNING INVITATION HIS ORGANIZATION HAS EXTENDED TO PRC TO SEND DELEGATION TO ATTEND THE 10TH ANNUAL MEETING OF AIAA IN WASHINGTON AT THE END OF JANUARY. MEETING WOULD PROVIDE PRC WITH EXPOSURE TO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND OTHER AVIATION AND SPACE EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY THAT IS AVAILABLE IN US. AIAA HAS PROPOSED TO FOLLOW UP MEETING WITH TOUR BY PRC DELEGATION TO VARIOUS FAA AND INDUSTRY INSTALLATIONS. HARFORD SAID HE HAS RECEIVED INDICATIONS FROM HUANG WEN-CHUN AT PRCLO AND INDIRECTLY FROM OTHERS WHO HAVE VISITED CHINA, THAT PRC MAY ATTEND. HE WISHES USLO TO FOLLOW-UP AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER PRC DELEGATION WILL INDEED COME, AND IN PARTICULAR TO LEARN WHETHER MA JEN-CHUI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CAAC, WILL ATTEND HIMSELF.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT AIAA MEETING WOULD PROVIDE PRC WITH IMPORTANT EXPOSURE TO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR
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WHICH THERE SHOULD BE A GROWING MARKET IN THE PRC, AND WE ARE

PREPARED TO MAKE APPROACHES TO APPROPRIATE PRC AGENCIES
TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF THEIR INTEREST AND TO ENCOURAGE
THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATION.

3. HOWEVER, WE WOULD FIRST APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER
STATE, COMMERCE, OR FAA PERCEIVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH PRC
ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING. WE NOTE THAT CONCEPT WHICH
AIAA HAS IN MIND IS SIMILAR IN SOME RESPECTS TO WHAT IS
INTENDED BY PENDING INVITATION TO MA JEN-HUI FROM FAA
ADMINISTRATOR BUTTERFIELD (PEKING 1536). IT WOULD
APPEAR THAT ACCEPTANCE BY PRC OR EITHER INVITATION WOULD
SERVE US COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, BUT THERE MAY BE SOME
MERIT IN THE IDEA OF HAVING THE FAA HOST ONE PORTION OF
THE VISIT AND AIAA ANOTHER PORTION. ALSO, OUR FILES SHOW
THAT THE AIAA INVITATION WAS EXTENDED (BY LETTER OF AUGUST 9)
TO THE CHINA NATIONAL MACHINERY IMPORT AND EXPORT
CORPORATION (MACHIMPEX), AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING
WHETHER OR NOT AIAA HAS MADE DIRECT APPROACH TO CAAC.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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